

**MINUTES OF THE
COMMERCE AND REVENUE
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Room 303, State Capitol Building

January 29, 2003

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Scott Jenkins, Co-Chairman
Rep. Chad E. Bennion, Co-Chairman
Sen. Ed Mayne
Rep. Eli Anderson
Rep. Ty McCartney
Rep. Mike Morley
Rep. J. Morgan Philpot
Rep. Peggy Wallace

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sen. Leonard Blackham
Sen. John Valentine
Rep. Katherine M. Bryson

STAFF PRESENT: Stan Eckersley, Fiscal Analyst
Debbie Headden, Fiscal Analyst
Barbara Hilbert, Committee Secretary

VISITORS LIST: Attached to and made a part of these minutes.

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Sen. Jenkins welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 2:25 p.m.

Fiscal Analyst, Debbie Headden, distributed two corrected pages and one new page to the UCAT budget.

Sen. Jenkins addressed several questions to Fiscal Analyst, Debbie Headden, regarding the cost of applied technology education in higher education and UCAT. Also, there was a discussion of state support for secondary students and tuition rates for adults.

UCAT President Gregory Fitch also responded to questions and concerns from the committee.

Sen. Jenkins requested Analyst Debbie Headden bring to the committee information showing a cost analysis of adult and secondary students and information from Public Ed on released time and work release students in Secondary Ed. President Fitch was asked to provide an analysis of the matrix that UCAT is preparing along with Public Ed on how best to serve the State.

Sen. Jenkins referred to a letter from Robert O. Brems, Regional President of Mountainland Applied Technology College (MATC), detailing the growth of MATC (see handout on file). The Analyst recommends this request.

MOTION: Rep. Wallace moved to accept the analyst's recommendation that, should funds become available, the executive appropriations committee give top priority by appropriating additional funding of \$6,690,600 in State funds and also using the beginning non-lapsing balance of \$242,600 for administration support.

SUBSTITUTE

MOTION: Rep. Philpot moved to amend Rep. Wallace's motion by adding two additions:

1. Remove the intent language at the bottom of page 22.
2. Ask staff to prepare intent language for a study to address the funding inequity created for adult students due to the secondary student situation.

The substitute motion passed unanimously.

Fiscal Analyst, Stan Eckersley, explained the FY 2004 budget for the Tax Commission. His presentation included the following: Auditing, Multi-State Tax Compact, Technology Management Division, Tax Processing Division, Seasonal Employees, Tax Payer Services, Property Tax, Motor Vehicle, Motor Vehicle Enforcement, License Plate Production, and Liquor Profit Distribution.

Rod Marrelli, State Tax Commission, discussed the handouts he distributed and then responded to the budget options given by the Analyst (handouts on file). Mr. Marrelli was assisted in the presentation by Julie Alsop, State Tax Commission.

Linda Hull, Department of Transportation, discussed the department's concerns regarding impacts of the budget cuts for FY2003.

Phil Jeffery, Governor's Office of Planning & Budget, responded to concerns of the departments and committee members.

MOTION: Rep. Philpot moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Mayne and Rep. Mc Cartney absent for the vote.

Sen. Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.